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tidin-2-on-1-yl)alkanedioic acids and derivatives thereof in the treatment of disease states responsive to antagonism of the vasopressin  
V<sub>1a</sub> receptor are also described.



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